

What to expect in 2006

As we celebrate the accomplishments of 2005, we are already setting our sights on 2006 milestones. The project team will build on the momentum of 2005 to accomplish the following in the upcoming year:

- Release the Draft EIS
- Conduct Draft EIS public hearing and 60-day comment period
- Select a preferred alternative

- Complete a wind and wave study to further design of floating bridge
- Begin design of the new bridge
- Start Phase 2 geotechnical work
- Identify a pontoon construction site

We hope you will continue your involvement in the project in 2006. Sign up for our monthly e-mail update by e-mailing [SR520Bridge@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:SR520Bridge@wsdot.wa.gov).

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YEAR IN REVIEW 2005  
SR 520 Bridge  
Replacement and HOV Project

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Thanks to the thousands of Puget Sound residents who provided questions, comments and suggestions about the SR 520 bridge project this year!

2005 was a busy and productive year for the project. It included significant progress with design work and environmental analysis, and a tremendous amount of public outreach. The project team continued to analyze the base 4- and 6-Lane alternatives, developed and refined new options for the 6-Lane Alternative, and moved forward with work on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). These efforts happened concurrently with meeting elected officials on both sides of Lake Washington, briefing 57 community organizations, and speaking with 3,000 individuals at project open houses and community fairs and festivals.



Funding Source	Amount
2003 State Nickel Package	\$52 million
2005 State Transportation Partnership Package	\$500 million
2005 Federal Funding	\$1 million
Future Electronic Tolls (estimated)	\$700 million
Total Identified	\$1.25 billion
Estimated Cost	\$1.7-3.1 billion*
Remaining Balance	\$0.45-1.85 billion

\*Includes 6-lane design option costs

In 2005, Governor Gregoire toured the bridge, commented on the critical need to replace the structure, and then showed her commitment to transportation improvements by working with the Legislature and signing the Transportation Partnership bill in May. This legislation provides \$500 million of funding for the SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Project and was reaffirmed by voters in November.

Although more funding is necessary to complete the project, receiving the 2005 funding is a significant step toward rebuilding SR 520.

Turn the page to see photos and learn more about project accomplishments during 2005 and a glimpse of what's to come in 2006.

# 2005: A Year of Progress

## Design and Engineering

- Selected and refined six new options for the base 6-Lane Alternative, including one presented by the community. Conducted workshops to analyze and refine these ideas.
- Received and evaluated potential interchange concepts for Montlake and Pacific areas
- Completed geotechnical drilling in Lake Washington to determine soil structure and depth of bedrock for designing anchors and bridge columns
- Used new 3D scanning survey technology to assist with mapping for future design work
- Completed right-of-way plans for real estate purchases for each alternative
- Began defining guidelines for corridor aesthetics



WSDOT crews conduct geotechnical drilling  
(Dean Rutz/Seattle Times)

## Environment

- Conducted ongoing environmental analysis to advance work on the Preliminary Draft EIS and prepared a Design Options Index
- Incorporated new 6-Lane design options into the Preliminary Draft EIS, including the Pacific Street Interchange, Second Montlake Bascule Bridge, eastside Bike/Pedestrian Path alignment revisions, and Kirkland Park-and-Ride transit access
- Released 17 Discipline Reports on technical and environmental issues prior to the Draft EIS; distributed nearly 200 copies on CD to the public. Issued addenda reflecting the new design options
- Held design workshops with Seattle Parks Department, University of Washington, and the Arboretum regarding potential design for McCurdy, E. Montlake, and Arboretum parks
- Conducted cultural resources review of corridor



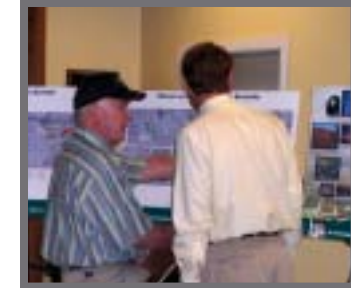
Stream near SR 520

## Public Outreach

- Conducted 57 briefings for community organizations and social service agencies
- Talked with 3,000 people at community fairs and festivals; displayed project information at eight community locations
- Hosted open houses in Seattle and Bellevue with nearly 300 people in attendance
- Conducted transit user survey at transit stops on SR 520 bridge
- E-mailed project updates to 1,200 people each month
- Hosted 54,465 visitors to the project web site; received 379 comments from the public via e-mail, mail or phone
- Convened Madison Park Community Advisory Group to focus on a potential new bicycle/pedestrian lane connecting Madison Park and the SR 520 bicycle/pedestrian path
- Collaborated with jurisdictions to move toward selecting a preferred alternative
- Held 38 meetings with local communities and project committees



Transit riders complete  
user survey



Bellevue  
open house

## Media and News Events

- Conducted corridor tour for Governor Gregoire in March
- Hosted July bridge closure tour for local elected officials and media
- Received media coverage in 40 print or television news stories



Governor Gregoire and WSDOT  
Secretary MacDonald at March bridge tour



July bridge  
tour 2005